

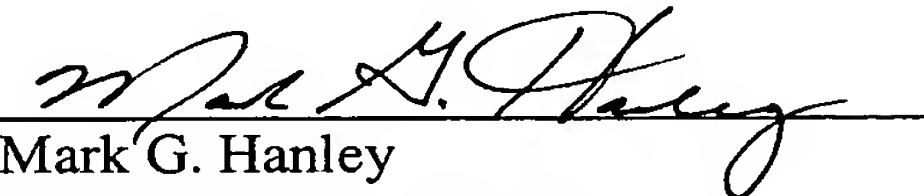
**REMARKS**

By way of the foregoing amendments, the applicants have canceled claims 28-32 without prejudice. The applicants elect invention II. Claims 1-27 and 33-49, which correspond to invention II, remain pending in this application.

An early favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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